



Helene Dusseault Fox

August 18, 1924 - June 20, 2020

Mrs. Helene Corinne Dusseault Fox, 95, passed away peacefully on June 20, 2020 at Brian Center Lincolnton, NC. Helene, one of six children, was born in Manchester, NH August 18, 1924, daughter of the late Aime Eugene and Marie Antoinette Lessard Dusseault. On February 19, 1945, Henry (Bill) Fox, of Mooresville, NC captured her heart on a snowy February 19, 1945. They wrote many letters during World War II and got married on New Year's Eve, 1947. Bill wanted to return to his roots, so they moved to Mooresville in 1961, and he eventually retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1965. She embraced the small town it once was, and it became her home for 48 years. Helen was an active teacher's aide at South Elementary School for ten years, loved spending time with the children there, and would have made a great teacher. She was a devoted and longtime volunteer at the local nursing homes in town. She had a way with children and the elderly. In her lifetime, Helene was an avid reader and donated many of her books to others. Most of all, she loved to travel with Bill on Elderhostel trips within the US, and they took many cruises. She always kept her suitcase packed, so she could be ready to go in a moment's notice. Fluent in French due to her French Canadian/American ancestry, Helene visited over 45 foreign countries and six continents. In their early working life, both her daughters were flight attendants who presented her with the opportunity to travel with them and create many memorable experiences. She was also a substitute teacher for Mooresville High School French class because she was the only other person town who could speak French. She was an active and loyal member of St. Therese Church in Mooresville for more than 50 years. Her children remember her lovingly as a mother who never sent her children to school without breakfast, always helped them with their homework, and made the best fudge. Helene had a great sense of humor, loved a good joke, and was the party's life. She was known for her marvelous ability to meet and remember people leaving strangers with the warm and comfortable feeling that they had acquired a new friend. She was an expert seamstress and could take a size 20 dress and alter it to a size 8 in no time. For many winters, in their retirement, she and Bill enjoyed spending time at their condo in West Palm Beach near their daughter, Kathryn. They enjoyed their walks on the beach, playing poker, and relaxing in their back yard. Helene volunteered at a local Catholic thrift store and furnished their condo "on a dime," as she

used to say. In 2009, she and Bill moved to Lincolnton, where they resided within assisted living for many enjoyable years. There, they enjoyed watching movies, playing bingo and maintained their independence and zest for life. She and Bill enjoyed an extraordinary relationship, and they were married for more than 70 years before his passing in 2018.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry (Bill) Fox, first daughter, Ann Joyce Fox, and her youngest daughter, Carolyn Marie Fox. Survivors include her sister, Louise Doherty, of Manchester, NH, her brother, Henry Dusseault, of Panama City, FL, her daughter Evelyn Fox Ross (Jim), of Lincolnton, NC, her daughter Kathryn Fox-Winokur of West Palm Beach, FL, her son, Colonel (Retired) Don Fox (Jeanette), of St. Simons Island, GA, and her grandson, Army 1st Lieutenant Henry Clayton Fox, who is assigned to Ft. Campbell, KY.

The family would like to thank Carolina Caring for their compassionate care. Additionally, the caring and loving staff at Brian Center of Lincolnton, where Helene resided for the past two years, truly enhanced her quality of life.

In place of flowers, the Fox family asks that you donate to either St. Therese Catholic Church, 217 Brawley School Road, Mooresville, NC 28117 or St. Dorothy Catholic Church, 148 St. Dorothy Lane, Lincolnton, NC 28092.

There will be a private graveside funeral for family members at Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville on Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Fox family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Comments



“ Kathy, Evelyn & Don,
I was so sorry to hear of your mom’s passing. I loved Helene. She was like a 2nd mom to me. I got my love of books & reading from her. When I stopped by to see her, she would always tell me about the current book she was reading & give me one she had already read. I learned about the importance of good posture from her. When I joined the Air Force (which your dad encouraged me to do), a Chief Master Sargent pulled me aside one day & said, “Cathy, you carry yourself well, always with your head up & shoulders back. It shows confidence & will take you far in the Air Force”. All I could think in that moment was, that’s just Helene Fox’s voice in my head saying, “shoulders back girls”. I also remember her saying, “Beauty is hard work, but well worth the effort”.

When I became a USAF officer’s wife, she gave me great advice on getting acclimated quickly to each new location that we were assigned to. Both your mom & dad always made me feel loved & welcome. I could see it in their faces when I stopped by to see them. I loved them both. Thank you for sharing them with me.
Cathy Bumgarner Rohloff

Cathy Rohloff - June 23 at 03:26 PM



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Michael Roberts - June 23 at 12:20 PM



“ Thank you so much for recording this service & sharing it.

Cathy Rohloff - June 23 at 03:31 PM



“ So sorry for your loss my friend.

Madison - June 23 at 07:13 PM



“ Thank you for sharing . Wish we could have been there, Special lady and family.
Bill & Julia Fox

Julia Fox - June 26 at 08:03 PM



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Michael Roberts - June 23 at 12:17 PM



“ I was sorry to read of Mrs. Fox's passing. I recall she often subbed at the high school and was a friendly presence. Her former students thought highly of her. Evelyn was a classmate, so the Class of '68 was especially touched by this great lady.

Mike Shinn - June 23 at 11:08 AM



“ To all the members of the Fox family,

What a beautiful sweet lady Helene was. She touched so many lives with her visits to the nursing homes and wherever she went. To know her was to love her. She never met a stranger and as you stated, she always had something funny to share to bring light and a little bit of cheer to all she met. She and Bill were such a delightful couple. It was so evident she had a great love for her family and her church.

We can all say that Helene lived life to the fullest, but always leaving this world a better place for her having been here. May she spread as much cheer in heaven as she has here on earth.

Blessings to each of you. You can all feel good about the wonderful lady you called Mom, Grandmother, and friend. I can bet she did not want any tears or sadness at her passing, but rejoicing for the life she lived and that she is now, again, with her beloved, Bill.

Love to all,
Nancy Massey

Nancy Massey - June 21 at 05:35 PM



“ Dave, Andrea, Dan, Stephanie, Marcia, Stu, Sandy purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Helene Dusseault Fox.





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